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PRESS RELEASE

**ARMED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER ARRESTED:
Machineguns Recovered from Residence near Elementary School**

BEAVERTON, OR – On October 28, 2004 Jason T. Laurenno, age 29, was arrested for possession of firearms in conjunction with a narcotics trafficking crime. On this same date, a federal search warrant was executed at Mr. Larurenno's residence in Beaverton, which resulted in the seizure of approximately 115 marijuana plants, 29 firearms, to include 13 fully automatic firearms and five silencers.

An undercover agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) observed what appeared to be a .50 caliber semi automatic anti-aircraft firearm on a tripod, and a German made 7.62 caliber machinegun on a tripod, positioned in the front windows of the living room to cover the driveway and front walkway at his residence.

According to the search warrant affidavit, Mr. Laurenno said that if law enforcement ever came to his house "they had better be ready for war."

"An elementary school adjoins Mr. Laurenno's property, which in my book makes the already high threat to the Beaverton community escalate exponentially," states ATF Special Agent in Charge Kelvin N. Crenshaw.

On October 21, 2004, a federal grand jury issued an Indictment naming Jason Laurenno for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924 (c), which prohibits the use and carrying of firearms during or in relation to a crime of violence or a drug trafficking crime.

When the firearm involved in this type of crime is a machinegun, the mandatory penalty is a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 years.

This investigation is a joint effort between Federal authorities in Florida, ATF, Beaverton Police Department, Washington County Interagency Narcotics, US Attorney's Office-Portland, Washington County Interagency Tactical Negotiations Team and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. This case will be prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office in Portland, OR which is headed by US Attorney Karen Immergut.

Beaverton Police Chief David G. Bishop stated: "This is what can be accomplished when law enforcement agencies from across the country work together. The key to the success of this investigation was the level of cooperation".

The public is cautioned that an individual is presumed innocent, until such time when the government proves guilt in a court of law.

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